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Basic Steps In Paper Making

Irish Plan Two For Marian Year

Ireland on May 24 will issue a set of two commemoratives to note the "Marian Year" proclaimed by Pope Pius XII and which began last December. The design common to both is a reproduction of a Della Robbia Madonna and Child in the crypt of San Gaetano, Florence, Italy.



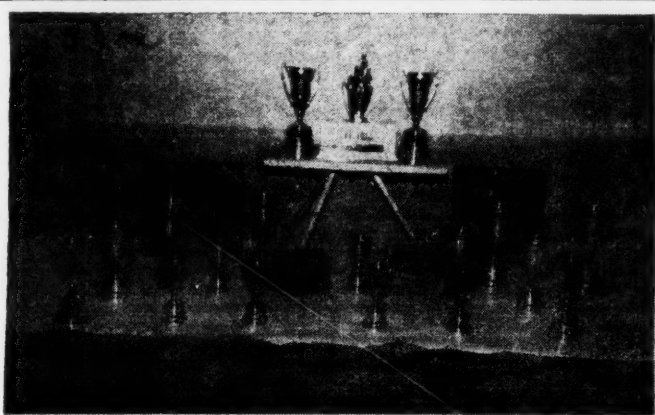
The name of the state "Eire" is shown at the foot of the stamp and the words "Annus Marianus 1953-1954" appear at the top. Denominations and colors are 3d blue and 5d green. Printing will be from engraved plates on paper watermarked "E" by De La Rue at Clonskeagh, Dublin. Collectors can prepare envelopes with their names and addresses to be used for first day covers. They must enclose a stuffer which fills the inside area. These and the proper remittance are to be sent to the Philatelic Section, G.P.O., Dublin, Ireland to arrive before May 24. It will take both stamps to prepay the surface rate to the United States. Currently, one shilling equaling twelve pence, is worth 14c of U.S. money. Payments are to be made by money order or cashier's or certified check.

Discover Common 1/2d Jamaica Variety

Reported by the British West Indies study circle is a previously unknown variety on a stamp of Jamaica, Scott #116, the 1/2d blue green of the 1938-52 King George VI issue. This is a watermarked issue. On the stamp in question the watermark has been found sideways in the paper, and declared a genuine item after expert examination. Since it is a common stamp stocks of them do not exist. What might be found in the future will probably appear in packets and mixtures where bulk material of this worth is accumulated.

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An Introduction To Native People Seen On Stamps Of Australia, Dependencies

Kenneth Allen

Australia has shown its interest in and appreciation of the native peoples of her mainland and territories by frequently representing them on stamps. Over the years they have attractively featured the native way of life, customs, habits and typical activities. Australian aborigines have been shown on two occasions. The first was on the three stamps issued in 1934 for the Victorian centenary celebrations, with a wide-eyed native, a member of the now extinct Yarra Tribe (which originally dwelt in the vicinity) gazing across the Yarra River.

This well-built, curly-haired and bearded aborigine stood on the southern bank of the river, as he took in the beauty of the distant Melbourne skyline. The design of the aborigine was drawn from portraits in the National Museum, Melbourne. A celebrated member of the Wailbri tribe, of Central Australia - later to be known as "One Pound Jimmy," - whose native name was "Djungarai," figured on an 8 1/2d stamp printed in 1950, and again on a 2s 6d denomination issued in 1952. Djungarai was shown in a head and shoulder study based on a photograph taken by Melbourne photographer R. Dunstan, in 1935. Daryl Lindsay, well-known Melbourne artist, designed the stamp. The Australian aboriginal population today is estimated at 75,000, of whom 52,000 are full-blood. They are found in many parts of all states, except Tasmania. In 1932 Papua produced sixteen pictorial stamps, eleven of which specifically related to typical Papuan native life. The issue was based on designs and photographs provided by E. Williams, E. Whitehouse and Gibson. A Motuan woman of Port Moresby, figures on the 1/2d, carrying on her head a bundle of wood, while her baby was slung over her back from a "kiapa," or string bag. With a grass skirt, she also wore a necklace of shark's teeth, with plumes of the Bird of Paradise

and hibiscus in her hair. The 1d stamp portrayed "Steve", son of a chief of Hanuabada near Port Moresby, whose tribal name was Oala. He wore his father's dancing costume complete with enormous headdress of Bird of Paradise plumes. Described on the stamp as "A Papuan Dandy," the 3d value of the series showed a native of Koitapua wearing typical headdress composed of cockatoo feathers. A band of cuscus (opossum) fur was worn across his forehead, and metal armbands, sapi sapi, and seeds, with tortoise-shell earrings and a nose tusk, completed his adornments. The 4d stamp pictured a mother at the door of her bamboo hut bending over a cooking pot. She had a baby on her back and native weapons, and a lakatoi (native trading vessel) appeared in the background. The 6d value also related to motherhood by including a study of a mother with two babies on the seashore. A man fashioning a canoe paddle was seen at the right. A masked dancer from Kerema in hornbill mask appeared as the subject for the 5d design. Made in secrecy, women were prevented from seeing these hideous masks. They were made of wickerwork and resembled a hornbill. Later the women saw them when they were worn at dancing festivals. (Continued on page 15)

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There was an article in a magazine I read a couple of years ago that had some rather misleading statements in it. I felt that the stamp collectors should have a little more accurate information, so, after a reasonable amount of research, and my own knowledge, I decided to try my hand at writing an article on this subject. Authorities differ on the date of the first paper, but reputable authorities place it about 3600 B.C. This paper was made by splitting the papyrus reed—which grows only in the Nile valley and India—into thin layers, and gluing two layers together at right angles to each other. The glue used for this was merely water from the Nile River—certainly must have been gummy stuff!

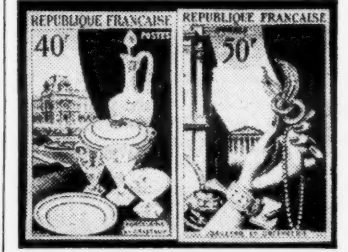
The oldest piece of paper in the British Museum is only 800 years old, so it is most probably made from rags. The first paper made by cooking and beating vegetable materials into small fibers was done by the Chinese. They kept it secret for several hundred years. The first paper made from rags in India was about 800 A.D., Egypt 900 A.D., Spain 1150 A.D., and England 1495 A.D.

The art of paper making was very slow to advance, both in technology and distance, this again was due to each group or country trying to keep their processes secret. The first paper mill in the Colonies was at Germantown, Pa. in 1690, and there were only 20 mills by 1797. Only white rags were used until 1774, when a process for bleaching with chlorine was patented, then they could use cheaper and colored rags. The inadequate supply of rags was an influencing factor in the slow growth of the paper industry. In 1860, 80 percent of the raw material for paper was rags, the remainder being cotton waste, rope, straw and bagging. About 1830 the first straw paper was made in the United States - this was a coarse, cheap wrapping paper.

The first paper in Baghdad, India was made by allowing rags to ferment, then they were boiled with wood ashes, put in bags and placed in running streams to wash out unused chemicals. Then they were beaten - in the bag - on a wood block, using wooden sticks to pound with, then diluted in a vat. The sheet was formed on a sieve-like flat screen—this took considerable skill, and was done by a few skilled craftsmen. They would dip the sieve in the slurry, pick up the required amount of water and fiber, and holding the screen perfectly level, shake out the water. The sheet was removed from the screen, placed between felts and pressed, then hung up to dry. After drying it was dipped by hand into a size and again dried. About 1150 A.D. the Spanish used a water wheel to lift and drop the hammers, thus mechanizing one step of the operation, and this method was used until 1700, when the Holland beater was invented. This machine was, and still is, a round roll with knives on it turning against a bedplate that also had knives imbedded in it. This bruised and brushed out the fibers better and in far less time than the old hammer method. (Continued on page 15)

French Stamps Show National Products

France on May 10 issued five stamps all of them picturing national products. Various prominent buildings are included in the designs but these are background representations.



On the 25 francs is pictured a tapestry; 30fr religious books; 40fr porcelain and crystal ware; 50fr jewelry and objets d'art; 75fr perfumes and flowers.

Gimbels Stamp Department advises that a single will appear May 24 for the 50th anniversary of the annual Paris Fair.

Japan's Wrestling Commem On May 22

Japan on May 22 will release a 10 yen commemorative with a "Sport" motif for the International Free Style Wrestling Championship to be held in that country. Printed by photogravure in miniature sheets of 20, the design will show wrestlers in action. A total of four million are to be printed. The set of two and souvenir sheet for Joshinetsu Kogen National Park will be released in the latter part of June.

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Bentham's Canadian Column

Odds And Ends From Here And There

Lorne W. Bentham

Canada's most valuable stamp is not included in the nation's stamp collection display at the Philatelic Agency at Ottawa. Or for that matter, there isn't any attempt being made to have on permanent display a complete Canadian collection for official purposes, such as at exhibitions of philatelic organizations and conventions.

The only twelve penny stamp that was in an official Canadian collection, was the one purchased by the Post Office Department privately in 1939. This was included in the mint Canadian collection presented to the late King George VI when His Majesty and the Queen Mother visited Canada in that year.

Stamps that form the displays at the Philatelic Agency are a few Canadian stamps issued anywhere from six to eight years back as well as the die proofs.

But, the majority of the stamps on display are those that are presented to the Post Office Department by member nations of the Universal Postal Union.

Since the twelve penny black stamp is Canada's rarest, it is indeed a pity that there are only a few in existence in the country.

As a matter of fact, the majority that were printed have found their way into collections of philatelists in England and the United States.

In conclusion, I really believe that the Canadian Postal officials should make a real effort in forming a complete mint Canadian collection and have it on display at the Philatelic Agency, or better still, establish a Canadian Postal Museum where the collection could be viewed by traveling collectors to the capital city, Ottawa.

And now here's quite a novel idea for those collectors who are always on the look-out for something new when it comes to the problem of what to exhibit in the annual stamp exhibition.

During my attendance at the annual Convention of the Canadian Philatelic Society in Westmount, Quebec in 1949, I came across an exhibit in the Westmount Stamp Club's yearly show that caught my eye.

The collector in question exhibited the Canadian 1942 War Set with autographs of high ranking officials who were directly and indirectly connected with their release.

He had the autographs of the late William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada at the time, the Postmaster-General of that period as well as the signatures of the Defense Minister and the Governor-General.

The autographs appeared on the margins of the album sheet. I haven't seen anything like it since. Quite a novel idea, don't you think?

That's combining two hobbies — autograph collecting and philately.

Turning to the philatelic market for a moment now, that \$1 Parliament Building issued in 1929 is certainly scarce in used condition.

Dealers, both in the United States and Canada, report that their stocks, especially in good used condition, are very low. And the price that is being asked for this item will no doubt rise during the coming years. Collectors are finding it very difficult to locate well-centered copies.

For the information of all concerned, this stamp was released during a period when the Canadian Post Office Department was not very concerned in pleasing philatelists by selling them cream of the crop copies.

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Shape of the commems is square although the design is circular. Seven different were used pertaining to the UN and to Nicaragua.

Denominations of the airmails are 3c, 4c, 5c, 30c, and 2, 3 and 5 Cordobas. The regulars are 3c, 4c, 5c, 15c and 1C.

Printing was from engraved plates by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd. of London, England.

The set can be purchased at face value plus return postage from the Philatelic Agency, P. O. Box 325, National Palace, Managua D. N., Nicaragua. The official rate of exchange is one U.S. dollar equals 5 Cordobas. (One Cordoba has 100 centavos.) Payment can be made by cashier's or certified check or U.S. dollar bills.

Cerebral Palsy Victims Need Help

Joseph A. Fierman, himself not a stamp collector, has been helping a number of handicapped persons who are. They number approximately 22 cerebral palsy victims in the Cleveland, Ohio area who find recreation and therapeutic benefits from the hobby.

Mr. Fierman could use some help in the way of stamps, albums and supplies. Sendings to A & J Printing Co. 2042 E. Fourth St., Cleveland 15, Ohio.

Program Celebrates Israel Anniversary

The sixth anniversary of the founding of Israel will be celebrated with an appropriate philatelic program by the Israel Palestine Society of Los Angeles, Calif. It will take place May 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hillel Foundation, University of California, 1029 W. 36th St.

Two speakers, an exhibition of pertinent stamps and covers, a trading session and refreshments will occupy the time. All are welcome and admission is free.

Kohn President Of Austria Collectors

There wasn't much argument when it came to electing the new officers of the Austria Philatelic Society for the members unanimously welcomed the slate proposed by the nominating committee. Now president is Frank E. Kohn; vice presidents Martin Pleskow and Irving Gross; treasurer Curtis Wilson; secretary Leopold Kovacz, 265 Cabrini Blvd., New York 33, N. Y.

As the name indicates the organization is interested in the philately of Austria. A regular bulletin containing society news and general and specialized information about the nation's philatelic material is edited by vice president Pleskow.

Meetings are held regularly at the Collectors Club in New York City and are open to all interested persons. Additional details and information can be gotten from the secretary.

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W. Ramsay Strachan and the Daracott Company in London, two of Britain's leading wholesale houses, have taken a firm stand against manipulated issues of doubtful authenticity such as South Moluccas, Croatian Government in Exile and similar trash, joining in an announcement just made to the trade. It reads as follows:

"We view with some concern the increasing number of doubtful issues which are being offered and, with the long-term interests of the trade in mind, we do not intend selling any future new issues whose status is, in our opinion, questionable and which we do not consider to be legitimate postage stamps."

This action will be heartily applauded by the entire collecting world. Wonder which American firms will take a similar stand? Unhappily the bulk of this tripe originates right here in the USA, much if it being printed in Philadelphia and New York.

Most of the famed Heligoland reprints of the 1867-1890 issues were made to the order of Goldner, the Hamburg wholesaler. He died some time back and the remnants of his holdings are now appearing in whole sheets of 50. There are 13 varieties currently on offer in British and USA auctions and they are bringing around \$15 the set of 13 sheets of 50 at this writing. Included in the lot are several inverted center items, made to order—there never were any such regularly issued. There are currently five varieties of these at from 25c to \$5 a copy, according to what the holder figures his traffic will bear. Not over 75c a copy retail (\$3.75 the set) would be a fair price in my estimation.

The Grim Reaper has certainly taken his toll of top British stamp merchants this spring. F. B. Smith, Frank Godden and Stanley Phillips, all giants of commercial philately known the world around have all just passed on a few days apart.

F. B. Smith, 70, was a director of Stanley Gibbons, and was in on many personal deals as well. For example, he and the late Mr. Bridger held the Liberian 1906 and 1909 remainders, die proofs, printers waste, etc., and he recently handled the balance of the Montenegrin remainders originally purchased from the Montenegrin Post Office Department by Hugo Griebert. Mr. Smith, mortally ill, disposed of the last of all these wares within the past few months. He was one of the founders of the London Stamp Dealers' Bourse and bitterly opposed wholesale house sponsored issues from backward states which have become such a menace to the hobby in our own time.

Frank Godden, aged 77, learned the stamp business as a member of the Stanley Gibbons staff and ultimately set up on his own in 1912. He handled classical issues for the most part and long held the finest stock of old USA outside our own country. He also developed one of the finest albums our hobby has known, the "Godden", and his firm for years specialized in writing up major collections. Mr. Godden served on many international juries and had the respect of the entire stamp world. He was well known here in this country, having been here on several occasions and

having leading American collectors among his clients.

Stanley Phillips, 63, was chairman of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., editor of the Gibbons Catalogue and author of a considerable number of books on stamp collecting. An affable gentleman and a facile writer, he had been in poor health for some years past but, ever cordial to visiting firemen, had us at his home when he was incapacitated during our last visit across. He will be greatly missed by a host of friends and leaves a place in our hobby circle hard to fill.

Half a century ago, there was a big fight on between Scott and Gibbons over whether the 1/2m black violet Puerto Rican babyhead had been issued with the "Habilitado para 1898 y 1899" overprint or not, the former saying "no" and the latter replying "Indeed it was!" You see, Gibbons had gotten some from somewhere and Scott hadn't. To this day the latter firm holds that this alleged stamp is a private concoction. Both agree, however, that the 1/2m, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 40 and 80c overprinted a boxed 4-line "Habilitado 17 Octubre 1898" by metal stamp in red or black are illegals, and neither firm has recognized them though some foreign catalogues such as Galvez do.

October 14, 1898 incidentally, was the day when Spain transferred sovereignty of the island to the USA. All sorts of philatelic concoctions appeared in the next few weeks but most of them were immediately spotted as private speculations and never made any catalogue. They puzzle collectors encountering them today.

USA overprinted "Philippines" are often found with Oakland, Calif. Singapore and Shanghai cancellations. These stamps, like the Guams, were valid for postage here in the USA for a time, and an Oakland dealer used the Philippine ones on his mail for several months. As for the others, they were mailed aboard ship and received cancellations when the vessels put in at port.

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A hitherto unchronicled cut-square 4 anna 1854 India "inverted head" has recently come to light and will be offered by H. R. Harmer, Ltd. at auction in London in October.



In all some thirty copies of this classic error have now been recorded but this is only the third cut-square example to be found. Although the bottom right corner is skinned on the surface resulting in a small portion of the frame being missing, it is nevertheless an exceptionally fine example of one of the most "difficult" stamps in the world.

It has good margins top and bottom, clear at left and on the right hand side the frame is just clipped at the lower angle. The postmark is the very light dot cancellation in dull blue.

This rarity, the property of Mary Lynch of Levin, New Zealand was the only stamp of value in an otherwise worthless collection. The collection was given to Miss Lynch in 1934 when she was at school in New Zealand by a great-aunt. The previous history of the stamp is unknown.

When this rare error, which now has a "Royal" certificate, comes under the hammer in October a realization of around £400 is expected.

Royal Visits Issued By Malta, Gibraltar

Royal Visit commemoratives for Malta and Gibraltar were issued on May 3 and 10 respectively. Both are inscribed for the event.



Malta's is a 3d purple with a portrait of the Queen and a view of St. John's Co-Cathedral. The same value is used by Gibraltar, with a picture of the Queen and a view of the "Rock" and two vessels in a green color.



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PENNSYLVANIA

The Keystone in with a 2c Prexy from Abington, Pa. in U-120n type. This is a nice clear print. There is a real live group of collectors in Western Pennsylvania. If interested in Pennsylvania precancels contact George D. Brown 5422 Kincaid St., Pittsburgh 6, Penna.

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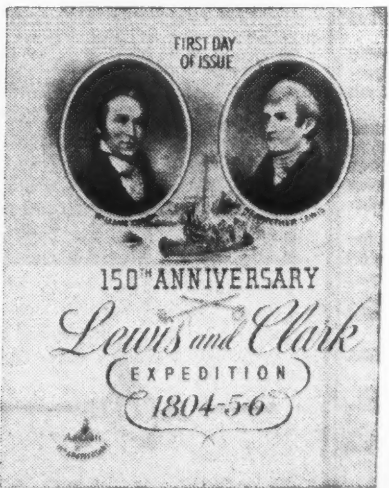
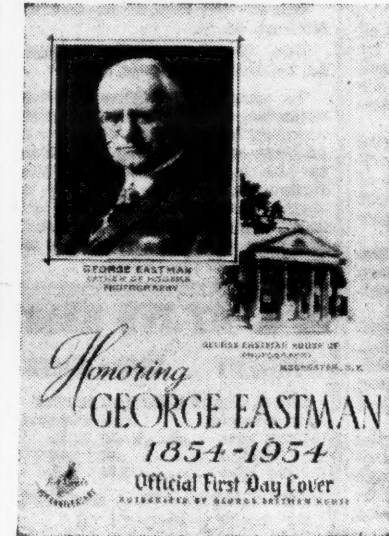
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Global Cover Society

Here is something new, something that offers a real challenge to the collector who is looking for a unique field in which to search. Under formation at the present time is a group that chooses to be known as the "Global Cover Society". Chief spokesman at present seems to be



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Mr. Ernest H. Bellard, 1940 Staunton Road, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio. So if this matter appeals to you, get in touch with Mr. Bellard, for the group welcomes help from any source.

The object is to first develop a list of the Stamp Issuing Authorities of the world. Our principal reason for writing this editorial on this group is that we were amazed at the figures which Mr. Bellard gave us. By Postal Authorities, it is meant different countries, states, political divisions, local stamp issuing sources and in fact any and all sources which have issued postage stamps. This of course includes first, the various countries of the world, then you get into such things as India Native States, the states of the Colombian Republic, the various Postmaster Provisionals of our early years, the various Confederate issues which were independent of the regular Confederate issues, the issues of the early Steamship Companies such as the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, the different issues of the Armies of Occupation in Foreign countries, etc.

Mr. Bellard tells us that the group has already developed a list of approximately 300 different Stamp Issuing Authorities, all done by searching old catalogues of stamps of the world. The number amazed us as it will doubtless amaze you, but does show what a great field for specialized collection lays before you who want something new and unusual to work with.

Naturally, this Global Cover Society is after covers which have been used from each and every one of these various Stamp Issuing Authorities. The task is appalling for it is easy to see what a great amount of value and cost would be involved, thus it becomes a task that might well intrigue some wealthy collector who could well afford the completion of such a collection.

Beyond a collection of covers we will also suggest a collection of the stamps from these various 300 authorities. This will be a much more simple task, yet one that will require the resources of a wealthy collector to complete.

But who among stamp collectors ever expects to complete any collection. It is this fact alone that makes stamp collecting so fascinating. It is not the stamps you have in your albums that keeps you enthused. Rather it is the stamps you need to fill in vacant spots that you have the thrill of hunting for that makes collecting the most fascinating of projects.

Thus this new group of collectors offers a new field for even the man of moderate means for with a list of 3000 Stamp Issuing Authorities it would be a simple matter to lay out an album to hold a single stamp from each source. The rare and unobtainable ones could well be represented with illustrations which you might find in old or current auction catalog illustrations.

Either way here is a field for new fun and interest. Start a collection of covers or of stamps, just one from all the different Stamp Issuing Authorities that you can gather and you will have a job that will keep you interested for years to come.

The Most Beautiful Stamp

Recent newspaper columns on stamps are again talking about the world's most beautiful stamp and it would seem that the columnist must have harked back to a time many years ago when in a survey of some nature the United States Dollar Omaha stamp was voted the most beautiful. Granted that that survey at that time may have picked the right stamp, the choice must have been based solely on the painting used as the central subject for the border of the stamp is so reminiscent of hundreds of other United States stamps that it could not have influenced the choice. The choice also may have been made by a group of enthusiasts for United States stamps who were wholly unfamiliar with the many beautiful foreign issues.

Certainly the stamp today could not be classed as the world's most beautiful stamp if a survey were made and it was certain that many of the foreign masterpieces were entered.

It is nice to live in the past, but I have always had an eye on the future which has always held more interest for me than the past.

This same columnist also states in the same newspaper column the recent experiment whereby the new 8c Statue of Liberty stamp was produced both by the engraving and the lithographic process has led the Post Office Department to announce that the trial with lithography was unsatisfactory and that the new series of stamps would be by the engraved process.

The columnist says "The lithographic samples proved inferior and it was decided to use the old engraving method to produce the new issue."

Further the columnist says "It was felt that one design was not a fair test, however, and other designs will be tried by lithography."

Our suggestion or belief however, would be that the men who operate the lithographic presses have not had the experience necessary to produce such stamps as come from other sources. Give them time and we are certain they will be able to match anything that has been done.

Naturally there should be no comparison between engraving and lithography, any more than we should attempt to compare engraving with fine etchings. The methods are entirely different and each has its fine points which can not be matched by the other. In lithography we can have beauty of both design and color, something that is prohibitive by other methods.

While the new 8c stamp is attractive we feel that the possibilities for the stamp in lithographic form were restricted by the limit of what could be accomplished by engraving. Give a good lithographic artist and printer, free leave to alter the design to bring out the best in lithography and there would be little comparison between the two methods in the final result.

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Complaints are beginning to come in from all over because of the poor centering of the 8c Statue of Liberty. Some writers, who hold positions in their local post offices have stated they have gone through a couple of pads of panes (100 panes to a pad) and have yet to find one that is nicely centered throughout.

They have sent samples of some of this centering, and it is bad. As yet I haven't seen the first full pane, but the singles and blocks encountered on the FDC's all had the perforations to make what I would call very fine stamps.

It will be difficult to control the location of the hole making since each individual sheet containing four post office size panes is run through the perforator by itself. With the usual rotary press printing, the roll of paper on which the stamps have been printed is taken to the machine and unwound into it for the holes, and guided for alignment by the electric eye device. These 8-centers don't seem to have that advantage.

I would suggest you get as nice a pane of these soon as possible for the Department realizing the trouble might switch to something else in the way of a printing or perforating method creating thereby an entirely new variety. Remember that the public waited too long for well-centered 5c New York airmail commemoratives and many philatelic bristles were down around their owner's ankles when they suddenly went off sale.

Guy Stoms of Homestead, Fla. has sent a plate block where the red Liberty has been printed into the lower right corner, the design covering part of the "ERTY" of Liberty. You are liable to find anything in the way of poor registration of colors on this stamp.

1. The Seal of Lord Baltimore was reproduced on a commem issued since 1945. Name it.
2. Which is the most recent commem with a state seal in its design?

There was a wonderfully pleasant surprise in the mail this week—the kind that makes stamp collectors a bit envious.

It was one of the souvenir albums which Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield prepared for several of the distinguished guests in attendance at the impressive ceremonies on April 8 for the 8c Statue of Liberty stamp.

In case you haven't seen one they are about 6½ inches wide by 8½ inches high and covered with an imitation leather. Impressed on the front in gold in four lines is the legend, "8-CENT STATUE OF LIBERTY—'IN GOD WE TRUST'—STAMP CEREMONY—APRIL 8, 1954." There also in gold is the seal of the Post Office Department, and my name, making it a very personal remembrance, indeed.

Inside on the right beneath a plastic cover is a picture of President Eisenhower and the White House, a mint plate block of the stamp, a picture of PMG Summerfield and a view of the Post Office Department Building.

Accompanying the album was a gracious note from Mr. Summerfield.

While I had received an invitation to attend these ceremonies and dinner in Washington April 8, it wasn't possible to be there.

It was nice to be remembered.

The Kansas Territorial commem due for release at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas May 31 is going to be in a reddish gold color.

While I haven't seen a sample of the color I have a hunch it is going to be somewhat close to that used for the California Centennial of Statehood stamp of 1950. That shade wasn't half bad.

A little bird states that the collecting of stamps from the mail of some government departments with subsequent sale to dealers has been found to be a profitable project and will be continued.

This means of revenue to the government was in for much newspaper publicity some weeks ago when the first batch of such stamps was sold to the highest bidders.

These are items which are over and above those gathered and distributed to hospitalized veterans. No one loses, and the government gains several hundred bucks in revenue every now and again.

My hat's off to a person who will devise means to bring in some profit to the national treasury even in the hundreds.

The announcement that the forthcoming 3c regular would have its first day of issue at Albany, N. Y. has brought a lot of "how comes" in the mail. I can't quite see the tie-in myself excepting that the good citizens of that city are going to have a big local celebration and are siezing on something out of the past as an excuse.

The "Albany Convention of 1754" which is the event in question, happened while this part of the world was still a colony of England. Perhaps in a remote way it had something to do with the independent United States government which came some years later, but at the time it was held the purpose was quite foreign to that.

In that year of 1754 when it appeared that the English and French would inevitably come to blows on the North American continent, the lords of trade recommended that an inter-colonial convention be called to "confirm and establish the ancient friendship of the Five Nations" and consider plans for a permanent union among the colonies.

On June 19 commissioners from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York assembled at Albany, and after arranging for the participation of the Indians in the war adopted, with some modifications, on July 11, a plan of inter-colonial union proposed by Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin's plan provided for the appointment by the crown of a president-general, who was to nominate military officers, commission all officers, and have veto power over the acts of the Grand Council; and for a grand council, to be made up of representatives chosen by the legislature of each colony every three years, no colony to have more than seven members, not less than two.

This council was not to be terminated by royal command, dissolved, or kept in session longer than six weeks against its consent, and, with the approval of the president-general, was to manage Indian affairs, authorize new settlements, nominate all civil officers, impose taxes, enlist and pay troops, and construct forts, all of its acts to be valid unless vetoed by the crown within three years.

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EGYPT — A single 10 milliemme stamp is to be issued on June 18 to commemorate the first anniversary of the Egyptian Republic.

FRENCH COLONIES — To conform with new increased postal rates, new definitive sets are in planning for the Cameroons, Comoro Islands, Madagascar, Togo and French Equatorial Africa. It is expected that there will be 32 new stamps in all.

GERMANY — The West German Government released a single 10 pfennig stamp in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Ottmar Mergenthaler. The anniversary date was May 9, but the stamp came on sale on May 11. Mergenthaler is the inventor of the linotype machine, which he conceived after emigrating to the United States. The design will feature a portrait of Mergenthaler to the left of the stamp and a linotype machine at the right. His name is at the upper right below which are dates "1854-1899".

GREECE — The fifth anniversary of NATO is to be commemorated by this country with the issuance of a set of three stamps. Values are: 1200 drs., 2400 drs., and 4000 drs. The set will be placed on sale sometime during the first ten days of May and will remain valid for postage until January 31, 1955.

NETHERLANDS — A set of five stamps, a "Summer Set," was placed on sale May 1 and will remain through June 30. The values and colors are as follows: 2 cents plus 3 cents blue, a portrait of Martinus Nijhoff, a poet; 5c plus 3c sepia, Willem Pijper, a composer; 7c plus 5c red brown, H. P. Berlage, architect; 10c plus 5c green, J. Huizinga, historian; 25c plus 8c purple, Vincent van Gogh, artist. Each stamp was designed by a different prominent Dutch artist. The semipostal amounts are to be utilized for social and

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NETHERLANDS ANTILLES — On May 1 a 15c blue stamp was issued in honor of the Third Annual Caribbean Tourist Association convention held in Aruba from May 3 to May 6. The design features Palm Beach in Aruba.

PHILIPPINES — On April 23, two stamps were overprinted and placed on sale to commemorate the first National Jamboree of Boy Scouts. The 5c Marcelo H. del Pilar stamp was overprinted "First National Boy Scouts/Jamboree/April 23-30, 1954", and the 50c Republic Series was overprinted the same but the value was changed to 18c.

Expert Committee Recesses May 26

The Friedl Expert Committee will hold its last meeting before the summer recess on May 26. No meetings are scheduled during June and July and material received for an opinion during that period will be held for the first meeting of the new season on August 4. The Friedl Expert Committee, founded by the late Otto W. Friedl, specializes in the expertizing of foreign stamps. Weekly meetings speed rendering of an opinion, usually within ten days if signature only is required, fifteen days when a certificate with photo is to be issued.

Expertizing terms are sent free upon request to the committee at 522 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y.

Appoint Committees St. Louis Annual

Committees for the annual Open House and Exhibition of the Mound City Stamp Club, St. Louis, Mo. have been named. The event, scheduled for October 22 to 24, will also entertain the annual session of the American Philatelic Congress.

General Chairman is William H. Semrott, 511 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo. Co-chairmen of the exhibition are Robert W. Murch, 418 E. Argonne Dr., and James W. Adler, 6452 Nashville Ave., both of St. Louis.

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1952 marked the first issue of seals by this organization which is at present the only seal-issuing society in Japan. Design showed Japanese doll with snow-capped volcano in background. Red, blue and green. Sheet of 50 and booklets of 10 seals issued.

In 1952 there was a total of 8,550,000 seals printed by Hosokawa Printing Co. Of this total 8,000,000 seals were in booklet panes and 550,000 seals in sheets of 50. A total of 5,745,880 seals were sold. Designer was Tochichiro Fujimoto.

1953—Boy dressed in winter clothing two rabbits in front of him. Snow-flakes in yellow background. Multicolor. Sheet of 50. Also miniature sheets of six seals five of which are the regular design and one in center of top row showing a red D.B. cross on dark blue background, Japanese characters across bottom. Printing on the miniature sheet is much more distinct than that on the sheet of 50, having been printed by a different process. These miniature sheets were issued for sale to the people of Japan as they could not afford to purchase the large sheets of 50.

Seals were designed by Takeo Shimada and were printed by Dainihon Printing Co. in a total amount of 6,000,000 seals. 2,500,000 seals were printed in the small sheets and 3,500,000 seals were printed in sheets of 50. Sales to date have not been computed but results are very favorable and it is probable that number of seals sold will equal or surpass that of 1952.

Japanese Ministry of Posts

From 1949 through 1952 the Japanese ministry of posts issued small seals to be applied to letters going abroad. These were distributed without charge.

1949—Head of Santa Claus on a black starry background red, white, purple and green on black. 1950—Santa with pack driving sleigh and reindeer, brown and red. 1951—Pale blue bell and holly leaves on dark blue field, with white stars, red, and blue. 1952—Holly leaves, red berries and snowflakes, red and gray. All the foregoing were dated.

Nozomi No Kai (Band of Hope)

Issued in the fall of 1951, these seals portray a child ("Aiko San") lying in bed with outstretched arms, looking at a Christian cross in upper left corner. At bottom in English appears "Help the Sick" and Japanese characters at top meaning "Let's Stretch Out the Helping Hand."

These seals were issued by H. V. Nicholson, a missionary in Japan, primarily to publicize the necessity of people being kind and helping the sick through spiritual means. The idea of raising funds through the sale of these seals was not the objective although some funds have been received by sale of the seals in this country. They were issued in small sheets of 25, straight edged on all four sides. 108,000 sheets of 25 were printed.

Hiroshima Peace Hall

In 1950 a project was started to erect a "Peace Hall" in Hiroshima and seals were issued in booklets of 50, 10 panes of five different designs to a booklet. It was intended to sell these and raise funds toward construction costs. Designs were as follows (all seals were inscribed "Hiroshima"); Fish and map of Japan; large rose; ear of wheat on green and white background; Bell and ball; Three white doves in red background.

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Austin Show Profits To Chicago Charity

The first charitable exhibition held by any philatelic society in the United States was successfully staged April 24, 25 by Chicago's Austin Philatelic Club under the chairmanship of Dr. James J. Matejka Jr.

Exhibition ceremonies were highlighted on the opening day by the presentation of a check, representing the show's proceeds, to Auguste Mathieu, executive director of the Off-The-Street-Club charity for use in fighting delinquency in the Chicago metropolitan area.

It was the hope and desire of every member of Austin Philatelic Club to start a chain of reactions, to initiate philatelic philanthropy by other American stamp societies as well as by philatelic groups in other lands.

The American Philatelic Society, The Society of Philatelic Americans, The Chicago Philatelic Club as well as the Royal Philatelic Society of London sent greetings which reflected International interest in the charitable aspect of the exhibition.

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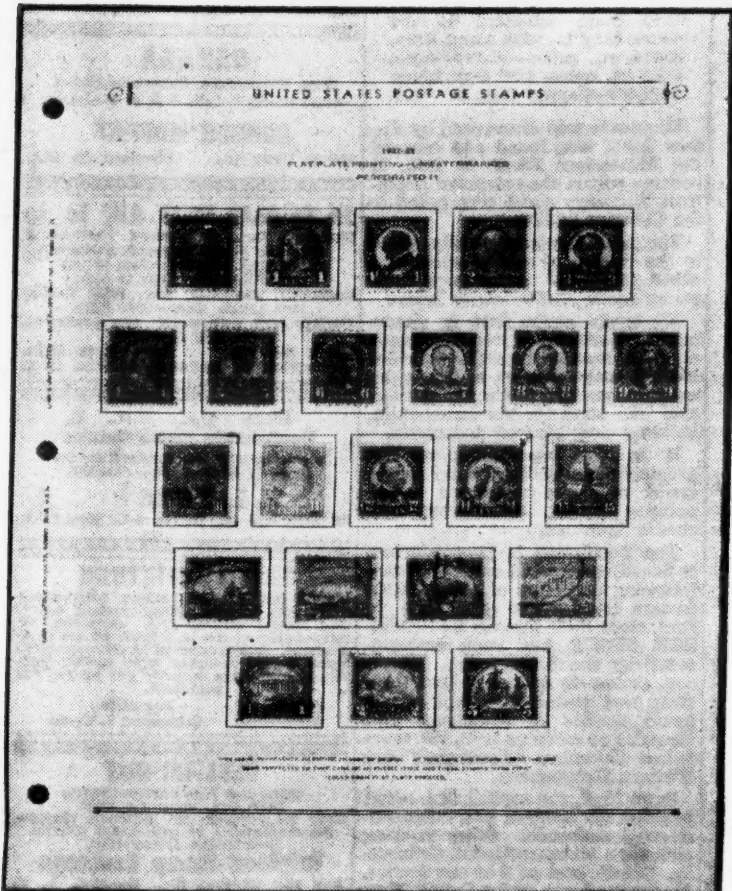
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It wasn't until about 1852 that a
means of cooking wood to produce a
satisfactory pulp was patented in
England, and in 1854 in the United
States. The German invention of
groundwood was patented in the
U.S. in 1866. Groundwood is made
by pressing logs against huge
grindstones under a water spray.
As you can imagine, this gives a
very low grade of pulp, which is
used in cheap book, magazine, and
news papers.

Today nearly all the paper used
in the world is made from wood.
Different grades are obtained by
cooking with different chemicals
and varying amounts of time, and
various methods of refining,
bleaching, and blending.

Further variations are obtained
by fillers (mostly China clay), siz-
ing, rosin, and by running thru a
series of rolls under terrific pres-
sures, called callendering - These
rolls have up to several hundred
tons of pressure on them.

The best bond and writing pa-
pers are made from part- or all-
rag content (which, today, makes
them expensive), and the very best
grades of paper, namely, cigar-
ette and bible papers, are made
from flax tow and rice straw. These
last two types have to be very
light weight, tough, and yet opaque
to printing.

There are several of the straws,
stalks and vines that can be made
into good paper, but at present they
are being used only for cheaper
grades. Most of the paper mills are
not in areas producing these
materials, and the yield from them
is so low, that to make good bond,
book or writing papers from them,
they would be unable to compete
in price with the wood papers.

They are being used, however, in
some areas to blend with wood
pulp where the pulpwood supplies
are running low.

Today the processes of cooking,
refining and paper making are im-
proved greatly, and speeded up
considerably from the old hand-
made paper. We now debark logs
and chip them into small pieces,
dump into cooking vessels called
digesters along with water and one
or more of the following chemi-
cals: sodium hydroxide (lye), sodium
sulfide, sodium sulfite, sodium
sulfate, sodium carbonate, or cal-
cium hydroxide (lime).

These digesters, which are mostly
big globes, or balls, ranging
up to 16 feet in diameter, are heated
by steam until the internal pres-
sure builds up to from 40 to 100
pounds per square inch (depending
on the type of cook being made),
and slowly rotated during the cook-
ing period. This period, also de-
pending on the type of cook, may
vary from a few minutes to 2 to
3 days.

The cooking process does not pri-
marily "clean" the wood, but rather
it removes the lignin, which is
the binding material in all vege-
table matter. The chips are then
dumped into vats, washed, run
thru machines that break up and
defiber them, diluted to a thin
slurry and run over screens to re-
move all particles over a certain
size - the accepted size being
around 8 to 12 1/1000's of an inch,
again depending on the type of pa-
per desired.

These fibers are bleached for
bond, magazine and book types of
papers, or left unbleached for
kraft papers, then refined or beat-
en to give the desired qualities.

The beating process may also take
from a few minutes to many hours.

The fiber then goes to the paper
machine, which, in essence, does
the same as the old hand paper-
maker, picks up a certain amount
of fiber from a slurry, presses out
the water, passes over drying rolls,
thru callender rolls when desired,
and either rolled or cut into sheets
at the other end of the machine.

The paper may then go to other
machines for coating, waxing, or
other finishes as desired. Color and

filler clay are mixed in at the
head of the paper machine. Today
paper machines are in use that
make continuous sheets from 3 to
15 feet wide, the length being gov-
erned only by the size of roll the
company wants to handle.

There are many kinds of special-
ized papers, such as glassine, im-
pervious, blotting, tracing, cigar-
ette, Bible, waterproof, silk-thread
(like our money is printed on), etc.,
also light to heavy board, insula-
tion, boxboard, and pressedboard,
which would take too much space
here to describe, but basically,
they all follow the above methods.

Most machine papers can be
tested for machine direction (that
is, the direction of flow from the
machine) by tearing, the greater
force necessary to tear being
across the machine direction. This
is not true, however, for all papers,
for ones like news, very cheap
book and magazine papers have
such a low tear in both direc-
tions that only special delicate ma-
chines can tell the difference in
force.

In spite of all the technological
advances in paper making, there
is today a small amount of paper
still made by hand. Most of this is
made in that manner more for the
novelty of it than of necessity or of
special usage, and is quite expen-
sive - most of it being used for per-
sonalized stationery or cards. Un-
less, possibly, there are parts of
the world that do not have the pow-
er or machinery to make paper in
large quantities.

I suppose, really, that in a paper
of this kind, I should have the spec-
ifications of stamp paper, but I
must confess that at the time of
writing, that I do not have these
specs of the paper required by the
various governments. I am going
to try, however, to obtain some
of this information, and if I am
successful, will report on it at a
later date. The papers are still
made of the materials and by the
methods outlined above, the only
exception could be the watermarks.

Watermarks, since I mentioned
it, are made by soldering fine
wire in the pattern desired on the
pick-up screen of the paper ma-
chine. This makes the paper a bit
thinner at that spot, and results in
places thru which light can pass
more readily. Actually, it is not a
mark made by water as the term
would imply, but rather the in-
verse, less water being able to go
thru the screen, and thereby
leaving a few less fibers in that
spot.

AUSTRALIA

(Continued from page 1)

A method of catching fish was
depicted on the 9d stamp. This il-
lustrated a native, silent and alert,
standing on a tree platform near
the shore with bow poised ready
to eject an arrow into the water.

A fine full length portrait of Sgt.
Major Simoi was the topic of the
5s value. After joining the Papuan
Infantry Battalion in 1899, he be-
came the first native policeman to
obtain the rank of Warrant Officer.

A native making a fire by the
primitive method of rubbing two
sticks together appeared on the
10s; and another was shown on a
2 1/2d standing in front of some
"Tree Houses" originally erected
as observation posts against at-
tacking tribesmen in years gone by.

One of two designs in use in 1934
in commemoration of the 50th an-
niversary of the declaration of
Papua as a British Protectorate in-
cluded an inset portrait of Boe
Vagi, who in 1884 during the origi-
nal celebrations, was head chief of
the Port Moresby District.

The main design showed the
hoisting of the flag at Port Mores-
by and a second medallion inset
portrayed Commodore Erskine who
made the declaration.

Twenty natives from the sur-
rounding districts appeared on H.
M.S. Nelson, Erskine's flagship in

Moresby Harbor, talking over the
original 1884 plans. This was shown
on the 2d and 5d values.

Six 1939 airmail stamps adopted
as their themes the common motif
- a native man and woman in
separate outrigger canoes propelling
them along the coast with long
poles. An aeroplane was in flight
overhead.

New Guinea air stamps first
placed on sale in 1935, with the
main assembly picturing the Bul-
olo Goldfields, additionally included
two side panels. One showed an
ancient Spanish gold bullion ship;
the other a European panning for
gold watched by a native carrying
a spear.

During 1952 a combined Papua-
New Guinea series marked the an-
niversary of civil administration
following the defeat of Japan.
These pertained to the territory,
from the Gulf Country in the west
to Buka Island in the east, and
from the Sepik River in the
north to the Trobriands.

The 1d illustrated two young na-
tives wearing the tall bowl-shaped
headdress of the Kieta District of
Buka, the most northerly of the
Solomon Islands. The pandanus
leaf headpieces are worn at initia-
tion ceremonies.

A typical smiling-faced New
Guinea youth was pictured on the
2d stamp his "fuzzy wuzzy" hair
standing out on the design.

A native policeman, Sgt. Ner-
eri who has a fine war record, fig-
ured on the 3d representing the
New Guinea and Papua police
force.

The study of a native wearing
an ornate headdress, which com-
prised bird of paradise plumes and
cockatoo feathers, and having a
boar tusk inserted through his
nose, was seen on the 3 1/2d.

A native family seated on the
veranda of a Kiriwana chief's
house, and a man outside a yam
house on one of the Trobriand Is-
lands, were featured on the 6d
and 7 1/2d stamps respectively.

One of the territory's main in-
dustries, the export of copra, was
symbolized with the 9d. This fea-
tured the "green meat" of coco-
nuts being sundried on a specially
built rack. A native attendant
watches over the layout.

A native tapping rubber, another
important industry, appeared on
the 1s 6d stamp. In lap lap and his
fuzzy hair dominant, the native
was bending over as he watched
the liquid rubber oozing into a
bowl fastened to the tree trunk in-
to which he had made an incision.

The subject of the 2s 6d was of
a flock of sheep guarded by a na-
tive herdsman carrying a bow and
arrows in his hand. He was in the
normal dress of the New Guinea
highlands (he has a large plumed
headpiece), where sheep have been

successfully introduced from Aus-
tralia in recent years.

A throw back to the 1932 "fish-
ing" stamp was the \$1 value of
the new series which this time
portrayed another native of the
Western Districts standing on a
rock in the act of spearing fish,
per medium of a bow and arrow.

The custom of shooting fish by
bow is being supplanted in some
parts of the Territory, the natives
using home-made spear guns
equipped with rubber bands.

The 1/2d value of the recently is-
sued Nauru pictorial stamps char-
acterized another method of fish-
ing, inscribed as "Nauruan net-
ting fish." He was pictured hurling
a net into the surf to make his
fish capture a custom practised
on many Pacific islands.

The natives of Nauru, and they
are numbered only in hundreds,
are established on the island's
coastal strip between the sandy
beach and coral cliffs.

New Editions Of
Specialty Albums

Scott Publications has just re-
leased new editions of, and supple-
ments for, the five Scott Specialty
Albums covering the British Em-
pire. These are part of the 24-title
Specialty series of loose-leaf al-
bums which provide spaces for all
major-numbered stamps in Scott's
Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue.

The British Asia Album has ex-
panded so much that it now has to
be housed in two binders, and sells
for \$17. Its new supplement, cov-
ering about three years of new is-
sues, is the largest of the five and
costs \$2.75. The four other albums
and their prices follow:

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ton, Wis. Outagamie Philatelic Society
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May 22-23-Oklahoma Philatelic Society
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May 22-23-Buier Co. Philatelic Society,
Standard Motor Co., Butler, Pa.

May 28-31-Northwest Federation of Stamp
Clubs, Hotel Winthrop, Tacoma, Wash.
Tacoma Stamp Club, hosts.

June 4-6-Texas Philatelic Assn. Civic
Auditorium, Brownsville, Texas. Magic
Valley Stamp Club, hosts.

June 7-Flatbush Philatelic Club, Flatbush
United Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

June 12-13-Florida Federation of Stamp
Clubs, Harder Hall Hotel, Sebring, Fla.
Sebring Stamp Club, hosts.

June 18-Medway Philatelic Association,
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way, Mass.

June 18-20-American Topical Assn., Miami
Hotel, Dayton, Ohio. Dayton Philatelic
Society hosts.

June 18-20-U. S. Cancellation Club Exhi-
bition and Convention, Municipal Audi-
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BELGIUM B342-43 mint (1942). Religious topical. Extra large beautiful bi-colored picturing St. Martin. Cat. val. \$1.20. **OUR PRICE \$.40.**

BELGIUM B370-75 mint (1944). Religious or Red Cross. Beautiful photograph stamps with Red Cross picturing Madonna & Child, Good Samaritan & Christ healing the paralytic. Cat. val. \$1.55. **OUR PRICE \$.53.**

BRAZIL 440-83 used (1939). Nice inexpensive set picturing Pres. Washington & Cleveland and the statue of friendship we presented to Brazil. Cat. val. \$.80. **OUR PRICE \$.27.**

BRAZIL 628-32 used (1945). Brazil's commemoration of the United Nations victory in Europe. World War II or flag topical. Cat. val. \$1.62. **OUR PRICE \$.54.**

BULGARIA 395-96 mint (1941). Inexpensive but attractive set picturing scenes in Macedonia. Cat. val. \$.71. **OUR PRICE \$.24.**

BURMA 35-50 mint (1945). George VI item. Beautiful set. Some bi-colored. Check cat. Overprinted for Military Administration after World War II. Good set. Good price. Cat. val. \$6.47. **OUR PRICE \$2.16.**

CAMEROONS C1-7 mint (1942). Good color in this set picturing plane. Check catalog for designs. Cat. val. \$2.86. **OUR PRICE \$.95.**

CAPE JUBY 70-81 & E4 mint (1937). A very attractive set of Spanish Morocco stamps. Overprinted for use in Cape Juby. A very beautiful set, and a nice overprint item. Cat. val. \$3.30. **OUR PRICE \$1.10.**

CONGO 139-56 mint (1931-37). Very attractive complete set picturing natives & native scenes. A very popular set, getting scarce, complete. Check catalog on this item. Cat. val. \$4.98. **OUR PRICE \$1.66.**

CONGO 166-72 mint (1938). A very nice bi-colored national park set. Check catalog for designs. Cat. val. 2.24. **OUR PRICE \$.71.**

CONGO 184-86 mint (1941-42). Two beautiful bi-colored park scenes and King Albert Memorial with overprints. Cat. val. \$1.45. **OUR PRICE \$.48.**

OTRENAICA C1-5 mint (1932). Beautiful stamps picturing airplane over the columns of the Basilica at Leptis. With overprints for use in the Italian colony. Cat. val. \$1.25. **OUR PRICE \$.42.**

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 77-82 mint (1942). Educational topical. Commemorates 150th Anniversary of the Slovakian Educational Society. Cat. val. \$1.97. **OUR PRICE \$.36.**

DUTCH INDIES 294-304 mint (1948-49). One of the last Dutch Indies issues. Queen Wilhelmina stamps overprinted Indonesia. Good value in this set. Cat. val. \$2.35. **OUR PRICE \$.75.**

ECUADOR C83-85 mint (1943). Nice overprinted item commemorating visit of the President of Paraguay. Cat. val. \$.85. **OUR PRICE \$.28.**

EGYPT 258-64 mint (1946). Nice inexpensive set picturing various Arab League leaders. Check catalog. Cat. val. \$.79. **OUR PRICE \$.26.**

ESTONIA B15-19 mint (1927). An early bi-colored set from a popular dead country. All on colored paper. Cat. val. \$1.40. **OUR PRICE \$.47.**

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ETHIOPIA. Several nice sets from this rather remote but progressing country. Overprints and bicolors. Check catalog carefully on these, as these are some you'll like.

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GERMANY 400-91 mint (1939). Nazi Emblem issue commemorating Young Workers Professional Competition. A good German item. Cat. val. \$1.25. **OUR PRICE \$.42.**

GERMANY 600-33 mint (1948). A long set with post horn overprint. Check catalog for unusual overprint. Cat. val. \$1.37. **OUR PRICE \$.46.**

GERMANY B160-68 mint (1939). Beautifully colored & engraved. Inexpensive set picturing various castles. Cat. val. \$1.91. **OUR PRICE \$.64.**

GERMANY B169 mint (1940). A Philatelic topical missing from many collections. Commemorates Berlin 2nd Nat'l Stamp Exposition. Cat. val. \$.65. **OUR PRICE \$.23.**

GERMANY B177-85 mint (1940). Similar to B160-68. Fine engraving and colors. Castles, theatres, etc. Cat. val. \$1.80. **OUR PRICE \$.60.**

GERMANY 2N1-5 mint (1919). German stamps with overprints for Polish Occupation in 1919. Only two more of this issue (Posen) but they catalog \$11.00. Cat. val. \$2.05. **OUR PRICE \$.68.**

GREECE 490-96 used (1947). All but the high value in this issue. World War II Topical item. Check cat. for designs. Good colors. Cat. val. \$2.19. **OUR PRICE \$.73.**

GREECE 539-44 used (1951). Large size stamps publicizing Greek recovery under Marshall Plan Aid. A nice set to have. Cat. val. \$1.13. **OUR PRICE \$.38.**

GREECE C31-35 mint (1937-39). A nice inexpensive set picturing Greek mythological characters. Check cat. Cat. val. \$.90. **OUR PRICE \$.30.**

GREENLAND 26A-25A mint (1945). A nice buy in a set of stamps that should hold their value. "A" listings only of the 1945 overprint issue. Exceptional for those who like varieties. Order quickly. Cat. val. \$47.50. **OUR PRICE \$23.75.**

ICELAND 240-45 mint (1944). A very popular set commemorating founding of the Icelandic Republic. Well worth the relatively higher price. Cat. val. \$10.00. **OUR PRICE \$5.00.**

ITALY-AEGEAN ISLANDS 8-14 mint (1932). Airplane topical. Beautiful photograph stamps picturing DaVinci's flying machine and DaVinci overprinted for Aegean Islands. Cat. val. \$3.30. **OUR PRICE \$1.10.**

JUGOSLAVIA 317-22 used (1950-51). Ship topical. All stamps picture ships, old sailing vessel, steamer, etc. Good color. Cat. val. \$1.48. **OUR PRICE \$.49.**

KOREA 16 used (1900). One of the rarest items from Korea. The most expensive major item listed. Cat. val. \$15.00. **OUR PRICE \$5.00.**

LIBERIA 163-75 used (1918). A very nice set of bi-colored stamps picturing many subjects. Check cat. Cat. val. \$1.49. **OUR PRICE \$.50.**

LIBERIA 329 & C68 used (1950). National Literacy Issue. Pictures hand holding book & book & sun. Cat. val. \$.50. **OUR PRICE \$.17.**

LIBERIA 330-31 & C67 mint (1950). UPU Topical. Vivid bicolors picturing first UPU Bldg. & UPU monument at Bern. A very popular set at a popular price. Cat. \$2.80. **OUR PRICE \$.93.**

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LIBERIA E1 mint (1941). A nice single picturing seal of Liberia overprinted with postman for Special Delivery use. Cat. val. \$2.00. **OUR PRICE \$.96.**

LIBERIA F25 mint (1941). Similar to E1 above with large overprint for Registered Mail. Cat. val. \$.50. **OUR PRICE \$.17.**

LIBERIA O98-110 used (1918). Liberia 163-75 overprinted for official use. Interesting set of many designs. Should be bought with 163-75. Cat. val. \$1.94. **OUR PRICE \$.65.**

LIECHTENSTEIN 4-10 mint (1917-18). An early set from this popular country. Coat of Arms & Prince Johann II. Good set. Reasonably priced. Cat. val. \$1.15. **OUR PRICE \$.28.**

LITHUANIA. Three early issues from a popular dead country. Not very pretty but should be in your collection of this country. 9-12 used (1919) Cat. \$5.00 **ONLY \$1.66**
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LITHUANIA C47-52 mint (1934). An unusual item mourning early air disaster. One pictures Angel of Death over wrecked plane. A bit macabre. Nice bi-colors. Cat. val. \$2.55. **OUR PRICE \$.85.**

LUXEMBOURG C13-15 used (1946). The three high values. Bi-colored. Check catalog for designs. Nice buy in higher priced stamps. Cat. val. \$3.50. **OUR PRICE \$1.17.**

POLAND 3K1-20 mint (1944). A good single picturing Defenders of Warsaw. Commemorates Warsaw Uprising of 1944. Cat. val. \$1.25. **OUR PRICE \$.42.**

POLAND 3K17-20 mint (1944). One of the few sets picturing a submarine overprinted to commemorate capture of Monte Cassino by the Poles. Check catalog for subjects. Good set to have. Cat. val. \$5.00. **OUR PRICE \$1.96.**

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PORTUGAL 299-314 mint (1923). A nice airplane topical. Commemorates flight from Portugal to Brazil. Not often offered at this price. Cat. val. \$4.01. **OUR PRICE \$1.34.**

REUNION 178-223 mint (1943). The complete regular postage Free French issue for this popular colony. Check cat. for the designs and overprint. A nice offer for those who buy only complete sets. Cat. val. \$19.58. **OUR PRICE \$6.53.**

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NEW HEBRIDES 67-78 & J11-15 mint (1941). The complete Free French issue for this colony. A good buy for the money. Some on colored paper. A very attractive set. Cat. val. \$35.70. **OUR PRICE \$11.90.**

NEW ZEALAND 247-57 mint (1946). New Zealand Peace issue. Very attractive set. Some bi-colored. Check catalog. Cat. val. \$2.13. **OUR PRICE \$.71.**

PARAGUAY 399-402 mint (1943). Inexpensive set picturing Columbus. Commemorates 450th Anniversary of discovery of America. Cat. val. \$.51. **OUR PRICE \$.17.**

PARAGUAY 415-18 mint (1945). Flag topical. Pictures flags of several South American countries. Multi-colored. Nice item. Cat. val. \$2.31. **OUR PRICE \$.77.**

PARAGUAY 435-41 mint (1946). Very attractive set. Check cat. for attractive subjects. Good colors throughout. Transportation topical. Cat. val. \$2.38. **OUR PRICE \$.79.**

PARAGUAY 447-50 mint (1948). Inexpensive Religious topical. Commemorates 50th Anniversary of Archbishop of Asuncion. Cat. val. \$.43. **OUR PRICE \$.14.**

PARAGUAY B6-9 mint (1941). Nice set at a low price. Honors Motherhood. Cat. val. \$1.00. **OUR PRICE \$.33.**

PARAGUAY C179-83 mint (1950). Paraguay 75th UPU issue. Attractive small size bi-colored stamps. Real nice set. Cat. \$2.82. Blocks of four available pro rata. **OUR PRICE \$.94.**

POLAND N17-29 mint (1939). A good overprint set. Stamps picturing President Von Hindenburg overprinted for use in Poland. Cat. val. \$1.40. Blocks of four available pro rata. **OUR PRICE \$.47.**

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